

Strategic Plan Task Force

REGIONAL COUNCIL ATTACHMENT #4.1.1

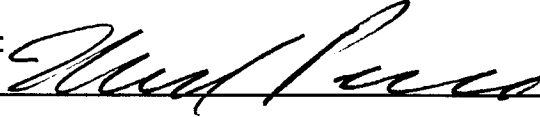
Thursday, June 5, 2003

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REPORT

DATE: June 5, 2003
TO: Regional Council, Administration Committee
FROM: Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force
SUBJECT: **Report on Adding a New RC District and Redistricting**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the following Task Force recommendations:

- 1. Create two districts out of District # 11 as requested by SANBAG, and**
- 2. Create a task force to study the issue of Redistricting.**

BACKGROUND:

SANBAG has requested that District # 11 be divided into two (2) districts to address their concerns about the huge geographic expanse and existing diversity between urban and rural interests in the district. (Please see the attached SANBAG request for details.) The Administration Committee referred the request to the Communication/Membership Task Force, who then referred the matter to the Strategic Plan Task Force.

In considering this request, the larger issues of how to deal with changes in regional and district population arose. The members felt that Redistricting is a topic deserving of further analysis and study, and that forming a task force would be an appropriate approach.

At the May 22nd meeting of the Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force, the members agreed to recommend that the SANBAG request be granted, and that a task force be created to look into the Redistricting issue. It is recommended that said task force have at least one representative from each county.

Should the Regional Council approve Recommendation 1, SANBAG can then begin the district election process to add a Regional Council Member to the newly created District # 65.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The cost of adding a new district, and hence an additional Regional Council member, would increase the General Fund expenses. As you know, RC members are entitled to a stipend of \$120 per meeting attended. For instance, if the new RC member participated in 12 meetings over the new fiscal year, the cost in stipends would be \$1440.

The cost of adding another task force made up of RC members, who would meet several times over the year, would increase General Fund costs. For example, if there were six task force members who met four times over the year the cost would be \$2880.

Funds have not been specifically allocated for this work but could be made available in the FY 2003-2004 General Fund Budget to support this activity.

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November 16, 2001

Hon. Jon Mikels
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Dear President Mikeis:

On October 3, 2001, the San Bernardino Associated Governments Board of Directors unanimously voted to request that the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) create an additional SCAG district, which would represent the non-urbanized areas of the San Bernardino County desert area. Under the current structure, SCAG District 11 includes nine incorporated communities and all of the surrounding territory within San Bernardino County mountain and desert areas. It is requested that District 11 be split into two separate SCAG Districts with one District containing the Mountains and four cities of the urbanized Victor Valley and the other District containing the vast rural areas and four incorporated communities.

This request was also unanimously endorsed by action of the thirty-three council members voting in the election for SCAG District 11 representative held on April 20, 2001. The elected officials of the San Bernardino County Mountain/Desert cities cited the significant differences between the urbanized Victor Valley and the outlying rural communities. Effective representation of these diverse interests and the expansive geographic area has created an incredible challenge for the SCAG District 11 representative. These two distinctly different communities of interest deserve adequate representation in the regional dialogue as SCAG addresses the complex regional planning issues of the seven-county region.

The attached fact sheet provides a detailed proposal for separation of SCAG District 11. Your consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim Bagley, President
San Bernardino Associated Governments

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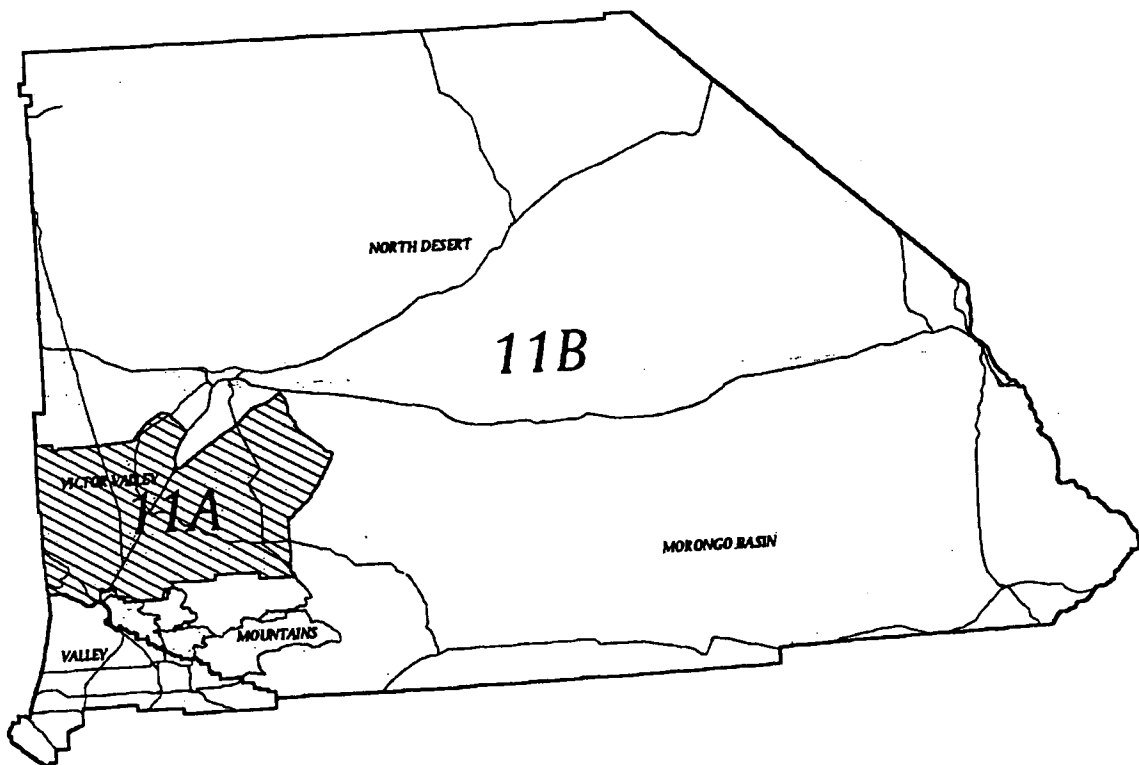
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SCAG DISTRICT 11 REDISTRICTING REQUEST

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and the nine cities within Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) District 11 request creation of a new SCAG District in the San Bernardino County desert area.

- On April 20, 2001, SANBAG conducted the election for the SCAG District 11 Regional Council Representative. SCAG District 11 is composed of the cities of Apple Valley, Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Hesperia, Needles, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, and Yucca Valley. Following election of the Regional Council Representative, it was the unanimous vote of the thirty-three participating council members to request that SCAG split District 11 into two separate Districts, which would recognize the diverse interests on the SCAG Regional Council.
- Upon consideration of the SCAG District 11 election and the interests of cities within SCAG District 11, the SANBAG Mountain/Desert Committee and the SANBAG Board of Directors unanimously voted to support creation of a new SCAG District which would result from splitting SCAG District 11 into two separate Districts as illustrated below:

San Bernardino County Proposed SCAG District 11 Split



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- The following chart illustrates population in the recommended Districts:

District 11A	Population	District 11B	Population
Adelanto	18,580	Barstow	21,567
Apple Valley	55,968	Big Bear City	5,617
Hesperia	64,234	Needles	4,960
Victorville	67,561	Twentynine Palms	25,870
		Yucca Valley	17,213
TOTAL	206,343	TOTAL	75,227
Unincorporated	57,237	Unincorporated	106,488
GRAND TOTAL	263,580	GRAND TOTAL	181,715

- Although the new potential district composed of the rural cities would not meet the 250,000 population goal established by SCAG, consideration of surrounding unincorporated population is merited. Population from unincorporated territory surrounding the cities in each proposed district is provided to illustrate the total population that is drawn to the cities for goods and services.
- The proposed split would recognize the challenging geographic expanse of SCAG District 11, which contains in excess of 19,000 square miles.
- One district would contain the Mountain areas and the Victorville/Hesperia Urbanized Area, characterized by four rapidly growing incorporated communities with large segments of population commuting into major employment centers.
- One district would contain four dispersed incorporated communities and the vast desert areas, distinguished by their appreciation for rural lifestyle.

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